

Treasure Island Job Corps



January 24, 2014

Mrs. Michelle Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Obama:

Hello, we would like to introduce ourselves: we are the proud Student Government Association of Treasure Island Job Corps Center. We are so pleased to have the opportunity to write you this letter. This week, we had the honor of hosting the Secretary of the Department of Labor, Thomas Perez, for a tour of our campus. While we led him on the tour, we were each able to share our experiences here at Job Corps, which we would like to share with you as well.

Through this program, we as students have been granted a second chance; a second chance at high school, a second chance to begin a career, and most importantly a second chance at life. Many of us have been removed from toxic situations such as poverty, homelessness and unsafe homes, then planted in an uplifting place that not only provides the education and training we need for a career, but also helps us build the skills we need to become successful adults. Job Corps provides safety, shelter, food, education, and support. For many, it becomes a place we can call home. The students here come from all walks of life and because Treasure Island is one of the most culturally diverse centers in the nation, we have many differences. However, the one thing that brings us together is sharing the common goal of bettering ourselves and our futures. During our time here we have been afforded so many opportunities to do just that.

We have many programs here that produce this success. We begin with developing our soft skills in the Career Preparation Period then move forward into Career Technical Training where we are able to choose from a variety of trades such as: Clinical Medical Assisting, Security, Culinary Arts, Office Administration, and several construction based trades. Each trade takes pride in their work and uses what they've learned in class to contribute to the center. One project that several trades were a part of was the building of our urban farm, THE MICHELLE OBAMA GREEN ACRE, which we named in honor of you and your *Let's Move* campaign. We utilized an empty lot and, with many hours of hard labor performed by our construction trades, it was transformed into a beautiful garden for our entire center to enjoy. Once built, the Culinary Arts trade, with the help of our agricultural advisor, Ms. Corey Block, became responsible for maintaining the farm, as well as using what is grown there to provide fresh food for the center.

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This is just a portion of what Job Corps and our center does for its students. There is so much more to this center than we can tell you in this letter. We would love to be able share our Job Corps Center and our garden with you and it would be an honor to host you here. If you could find time in your busy schedule to come visit the #1 ranked Job Corps Center in the nation, Treasure Island Job Corps, it would mean more than the world to us. We hope to hear from you soon! ☺

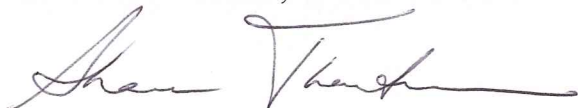
Sincerely,

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